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SUBJECT: DELAY IN ESTABLISHING RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BETWEEN  
GUYANA AND CUBA

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 0806 (B) GEORGETOWN 0886

1. WHILE I WAS DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS WITH NEW FONMIN FRED  
WILLS ON JULY 21, SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS WITH CUBA CAME UP WHEN WILLS REMARKED THAT KIT NASCIMENTO,  
MIN STATE IN PM'S OFFICE, IS EAGER TO BE NAMED GOG AMBASSADOR IN  
HAVANA. MY EXPRESSION MUST HAVE BETRAYED MY INCREDULITY (NASCIMENTO  
IS CONSTANTLY BEING REMINDED BY MARXIST OPPOSITION PPP HOW HE EX-  
CORIATED CASTRO BACK IN EARLY SIXTIES WHEN NASCIMENTO BELONGED TO  
CENTER-RIGHTIST UF PARTY). WILLS SAID NASCIMENTO WAS DEEPLY IM-  
PRESSED BY WHAT HE SAW DURING PM BURNHAM'S RECENT VISIT TO CUBA,  
AND APPARENTLY BELIEVES POSTING WOULD REMOVE ANY BOURGEOIS TARNISH.

2. WILLS THEN ANSWERED MY QUERY ABOUT WHEN CUBANS SENDING AMBASSA-  
DOR HERE BY SAYING TIMING STILL NOT CERTAIN, AND WILLS, FOR ONE,  
IS NOT ANXIOUS TO SEE CUBAN MISSION ESTABLISHED. HE SAID HE HAS  
ENOUGH PROBLEMS FILLING EXISTING AMBASSADORIAL POSTS WITH QUALI-  
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FIED PEOPLE, AND BESIDES HE SEES NO RPT NO NEED FOR DIPLOMATIC

MISSION IN EITHER CAPITAL. HE BELIEVES BURNHAM GOT CARRIED AWAY BY EUPHORIA OF HIS RECEPTION IN HAVANA (COMMENT: WILLS IS WRONG OR DISSEMBLING; HIS PREDECESSOR RAMPHAL WAS ONE WHO RECOMMENDED STRONGLY TO BURNHAM THAT CUBANS BE PUT INTO "STRAITJACKET" OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ORDER TO CURB ANY TENDENCY OF CUBANS TO MAKE MISCHIEF IN DOMESTIC POLITICS VIA CONTACTS WITH PPP AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS).

3. WILLS INDICATED HIS AWARENESS OF LONG-STANDING TIES BETWEEN CHEDDI JAGAN (PPP) AND CASTRO, BY NOTING THAT CASTRO HAD TOLD JAGAN, WHILE LATTER IN HAVANA AT MEETING OF LATAM COMMUNIST PARTIES, THAT BURNHAM'S STATEMENTS AND HIS GOVT'S PROGRAMS PUT HIM UNMIS-TAKEABLY IN CATEGORY OF "TRUE SOCIALIST". THEREFORE, CASTRO ADDED, JAGAN SHOULD GO BACK AND FIND WAY TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH BURNHAM. WILLS WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE FOREGOING PROBABLY REPRESENTS

GENUINE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE BY CASTRO, GOG WILL STILL WANT TO KEEP CLOSE TABS ON CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA.

4. WILLS FURTHER REVEALED HIS INCLINATION TO DEFINE ISSUES IN TERMS OF RACE WHEN HE OBSERVED THAT CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE NOT LONG AGO, WHEN ASKED BY WILLS HOW MANY BLACKS AMONG TOP 300-400 CUBANS, COULD NOT NAME SINGLE BLACK. (COMMENT: I REALIZE THIS IS NOT TRUE.)  
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